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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE CITIZENS: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

1. SUMMARY: NGUYEN VAN EM, HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN HAVE ASKED FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. MR. NGUYEN IS THE ADMIN OFFICER FOR RVN EMBASSY IN AMMAN AND HE AND HIS FAMILY BEAR OFFICIAL RVN PASSPORTS. HE HAS WORKED THE PAST EIGHT YEARS FOR THE RVN, THE LAST FOUR OF WHICH HAVE BEEN FOR THE MFA. HE BELIEVES HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE RVN GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE HIM SUBJECT TO PERSECUTION IF HE WERE TO RETURN TO VIETNAM.

2. ON MAY 6, 1975, MR. NGUYEN VAN EM FORMALLY REQUESTED ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES FOR HIMSELF AND HIS WIFE NGUYEN LY THI LE-XUAN, SON NGUYEN LY HOAN-VU AND DAUGHTER NGUYEN MONG-DUNG. MR. NGUYEN'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RVN WOULD, HE BELIEVES, MAKE HIM SUBJECT TO PERSECUTION IF HE RETURNED TO VIETNAM. ALTHOUGH NGUYEN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE RVN EMBASSY, HE STATED HE NO LONGER RECEIVES A SALARY. HE LIVES IN AN APARTMENT IN THE EMBASSY BUILDING AND STATED THE LEASE EXPIRES ON THIS BUILDING AT THE END OF JUNE. HE HAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE BANK (\$1,000)

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HERE BUT NO OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES. HE WOULD NEED

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAVEL TO THE USA OR ANY OTHER DESTINATION.

3. THE NGUYEN FAMILY HAS NO RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES WHO COULD FILE IV PETITIONS FOR THEM NOR DO THEY HAVE ANY JOB SKILLS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN LABOR CERTIFICATIONS WITHOUT PRE-CERTIFIED EMPLOYMENT.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RVN AMBASSADOR AND FIRST SECRETARY WILL DEPART AMMAN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE STATUS OF THE NGUYEN FAMILY WILL AT THAT TIME BE DIFFICULT AT BEST AND THEY WILL HAVE NO ONE TO TURN TO FOR ASSISTANCE FOR FINANCIAL AND HOUSING NEEDS. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE GOJ HAS ALREADY MADE THE DECISION THAT MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC MUST DEPART JORDAN AS SOON AS THEY WIND UP AFFAIRS HERE. ALTHOUGH THE GOJ HAS NOT YET RECOGNIZED THE NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GOJ WILL ALSO EVENTUALLY REQUEST RVN EMBASSY MEMBERS TO DEPART JORDAN. IN ANY CASE, NO ONE IN THE NGUYEN FAMILY SPEAKS ARABIC AND MR. NGUYEN SPEAKS ENGLISH AT AN ELEMENTARY LEVEL AND NO FRENCH AT ALL. THE POSSIBILITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT EVEN IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO REMAIN WOULD BE VERY DIM.

5. THE NGUYENS STATED THAT THEIR POLITICAL CONVICTIONS WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO COOPERATE WITH ANY COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. THEY CLAIM THEIR ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE PRESENT RULERS AND THEY WOULD BE PERSECUTED IF THEY RETURNED TO VIETNAM.

6. MR. NGUYEN INDICATED HE WOULD CONTACT THE UNHCR IN GENEVA. NEVERTHELESS, THE NGUYEN FAMILY IS FACING DIFFICULTIES IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER FROM USG TO THEIR REQUEST FOR ASYLUM ASAP. WITHOUT AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THEIR PROBLEM, THEY ARE LIKELY TO FACE DESTITUTION.

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7. PLEASE ADVISE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WE ANTICIPATE UNLESS ASYLUM REQUEST RESOLVED IN NEAR FUTURE.
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